

Pistol Australia Inc.

GENERAL REGULATIONS and GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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10.2.3.2. The event time of two (2) hours is divided into the first series of 30 minutes, and five subsequent series each of 18 minutes.

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Foreword

These General Regulations and General Technical Regulations have been produced to cover the conduct of Pistol Australia Inc. competitions, and for use as a guide for use by PA Affiliates, their Zone Organisations and the organisers of Open shoots.

The principles of fairness and consistency in all respects of the sport are recommended for implementation at all levels of competitions

This 2007 edition of the PA Regulations has been revised to enable them to cover the many disciplines now encompassed by PA and to reflect the current procedures and interpretations of competition procedures

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Abbreviations

AISL	Australian International Shooting Limited
ASADA	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
GR	General Regulations
GTR	General Technical Regulations
ISSF	International Shooting Sports Federation
IMSSU	International Metallic Silhouette Shooting Union
PA	Pistol Australia Inc.
NCC	National Coaching Council of Pistol Australia Inc.
NRA	National Rifle Association of America
NRC	National Referee Council of Pistol Australia Inc.
NTS	PA National Team Training Scheme
STR	Special Technical Regulations (Match Rules and Regulations)
WA1500	World Association of 1500

1. Objectives and Purpose of these PA Rules.

1.1. General

- 1.1.1. PA is recognized by AISL, the Sports Commission and the Federal Government as the Australian body representing the sport of pistol shooting in Australia.
- 1.1.2. PA is the official rule-making and competition-sanctioning body for the sport of pistol shooting in Australia with responsibility for the governance of competitions in the pistol shooting events and activities recognized by and/or promoted by the ISSF, WA1500, NRA of America, AISL and AOC.
- 1.1.3. PA General Regulations are established by PA to provide general conditions to govern the organization and conduct of pistol shooting competitions in Australia.
- 1.1.4. PA General Technical Regulations are established by PA to provide technical rules to govern the organization and conduct of shooting competitions in Australia.
- 1.1.5. PA Special Technical Rules are established by PA to provide specific technical rules to govern the organization and conduct of shooting competitions in the PA events.
- 1.1.6. PA General Technical Regulations and PA Special Technical Rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.
- 1.1.7. PA General Regulations and PA General Technical Rules and Special Technical Rules must be followed by competition shooters and used by organizing committees to govern PA sanctioned competitions. These regulations and rules may also be used to govern competitions in developmental shooting events, which lead to participation in PA shooting events.
- 1.1.8. All shooters, team leaders and officials must be familiar with PA rules and must ensure that these rules are enforced.
- 1.1.9. The objective is to achieve uniformity in the conduct of pistol shooting throughout Australia and the World, to promote the development of the sport.
- 1.1.10. PA desires that a standard be maintained in all aspects of the conduct of events that will enable competitors to compare scores achieved in widely separated locations, knowing there is relevance and consistency in such comparisons.

1.2. Application of PA Rules

- 1.2.1. These PA rules are in accordance with the PA Constitution, and are implemented by The National Referee Council, a standing sub-committee of PA.
- 1.2.2. PA rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution.
- 1.2.3. Where PA has adopted the rules of an International shooting organisation or those shooting organisations outside Australia, the PA Constitution and PA General Technical rules take precedence for competitions within PA and the PA Affiliates.
- 1.2.4. For rules that relate to a specific Match also refer to the Special Technical Rules for that Match, together with any applicable PA Supplementary rules/regulations.

1.3. Scope of PA Rules

- 1.3.1. Throughout these rules, competitions where PA Australian records may be established and which are supervised by PA are called PA Sanctioned competitions (see also 1.4)
- 1.3.2. PA rules must be applied at all PA Sanctioned competitions.

- 1.3.3. Copies of the off-gun scores from Sanctioned competitions must be certified by the Chairman of the Jury and forwarded to Pistol Australia office.

1.4. Pistol Australia Sanctioned Competitions

PA Sanctioned Competitions are those competitions for which:

- 1.4.1. PA is the competition sponsor (e.g. PA National Championships)
- 1.4.2. PA Selection Competitions
- 1.4.3. PA recommends that these rules be applied at competitions where PA events are on the programme, even if Australian records cannot be established.
- 1.4.4. The scope includes rules for the preparation and organisation of PA Championships, and rules for planning construction and installation of shooting ranges.

1.5. Special Considerations.

- 1.5.1. It is recommended that Organising Committees establish that each shooter has sufficient shooting experience to ensure an adequate level of safety.
(Note that this rule does not override any specific safety requirements included in the Specific Rules and Regulations of PA events, e.g. Holster Accreditation)
- 1.5.2. When a rule (within the spirit of the particular match) refers to right-handed shooters, the reverse of that rule refers to left-handed shooters.
- 1.5.3. The use of his and he also implies hers and she (within the spirit of the particular match).

1.6. Additional competition regulations

- 1.6.1. Where any additional competition condition needs to be added to meet Safety (see 2.1.2) and/or firearms legislation requirements, these conditions:
- 1.6.1.1. Must be in the spirit and intent of the Specific Technical Rules/Regulation for the event/s, and
- 1.6.1.2. Should be added to the competition entry form, and reinforced at the Technical Meeting

1.7. Organisation and Conduct of PA Championships.

- 1.7.1. An Organising Committee must be formed. It is responsible for the preparation, administration and conduct of the shooting competitions.
- 1.7.2. The Organising Committee must consist of at least representatives of the host state, a representative of the PA Management Committee, and a representative of the National Referee Council.
- 1.7.3. The National Referee Council, in co-operation with the Organising Secretary and Range Officials appointed by the Organising Committee, must examine the shooting ranges and equipment. It may approve small deviations from specifications in the PA rules that do not conflict with the intent and spirit of the rules except that no deviations in shooting distances and target specifications are allowed. Competing States and Countries must be notified of deviations prior to the closing date for final entries in the competition concerned.
- 1.7.4. During competition the Jury must decide all cases that are not provided for in these rules.
- 1.7.5. A Chief Range Officer and appropriate Assistant Range Officers, appointed by the Organising Committee, and NRC Judges, will be responsible for the practical aspects of the individual shooting events. *(Note: More complete details are contained in the PA range officials courses, and in the 'Guidelines for the conduct of National Championships' published by PA.)*

1.8. Changes To Rules

- 1.8.1. When the ISSF modifies its General and/or Special Technical Rules, such changes will be officially adopted by PA and become effective on the official ISSF effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the PA ISSF Director.
- 1.8.2. When IMSSU modifies its Special Technical Rules applying to the Metallic Silhouette matches, such changes will be officially adopted by PA and become effective on the official IMSSU effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the PA Metallic Silhouette Director.
- 1.8.3. When the NRA of America modifies its Special Technical Rules applying to NRA Action Pistol, such changes will be officially adopted by PA for International 1920 match and become effective on the official NRA of America effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the PA International 1920 Director.
- 1.8.4. When WA1500 modifies its Special Technical Rules applying to the WA1500 matches, such changes will be officially adopted by PA and become effective on the official WA1500 effective date for the changes, or as recommended by the PA WA1500 Director.
- 1.8.5. When PA modifies its Regulations, Rules, or Additions to Rules, such changes will be effective when those changes are published on the official PA website, www.pistol.org.au, or the official effective date of such changes

1.9. PA Approved Events

1.9.1. Senior events included in PA National Championships

ISSF 50 m Pistol	60 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Standard Pistol	60 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol	60 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Women	40 shots	F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Pistol Women	30 + 30 shots	F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Center Fire Pistol	30 + 30 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Men	60 shots	M	+ Teams
PA Service Pistol	90 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA Service Pistol Unrestricted	90 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA 25 Yards Service Pistol	65 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA 25 m Aggregate Black Powder	20 + 20 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA 50 m Black Powder	40 shots	M & F	+ Teams
WA1500 Mainmatch/Automatch	150 shots	M & F	+ Teams
International 1920 Match	192 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA Bigbore Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA Field Pistol Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F	+ Teams
PA Rimfire Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F	+ Teams

1.9.2. Junior Events included in PA National Championships

ISSF 50 m Pistol Junior	60 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Standard Pistol Junior	60 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Pistol Junior	30 + 30 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol Junior	30 + 30 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 25 m Center Fire Pistol Junior	30 + 30 shots	M & F	+ Teams
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Men	60 shots	M	
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Women	40 shots	F	
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior Mixed	40 shots	M & F	Teams

1.9.3. PA Approved Events not included in PA National Championships

Mayleigh Cup	30 shots	M & F
13-Shot Black Powder	13 shots	M & F
PA Air Pistol Metallic Silhouette	40 or 80 shots	M & F

ISSF 25 m Sport Pistol (Men)	30 + 30 shots	M
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol Junior (Mixed)	40 shots	M & F
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol – Standard Event	40 shots	M
ISSF 10 m Air Pistol – Standard Event	30 shots	F
ISSF 10 m Five Shot Air Pistol Male	40 shots	M
ISSF 10 m Five Shot Air Pistol Female	30 shots	F
ISCD 50 m Free Pistol	60 shots	M & F
ISCD 25 m Sport Pistol shots	30 + 30	M & F
ISCD 10 m Air Pistol Men	60 shots	M
ISCD 10 m Air Pistol Women	40 shots	F

- 1.9.4. PA recognizes some additional special shooting events, which are variations of recognized events, to encourage participation, support competitions organized by PA and PA Affiliates, and to address unique competition conditions in Australia. For other than PA National Championships Organizing committees may designate any event “Open” even though it may normally be “Men’s” or “Women’s”.

2. Safety

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

2.1. General.

- 2.1.1. PA rules state only specific basic safety requirements mandatory for use in PA Championships. Necessary and special safety requirements differ from range to range. The safety of a shooting range will depend to an extent on local conditions.
- 2.1.2. The Organising Committee may establish additional safety rules. If these are required, they must be approved by the National Referee Council.
- 2.1.3. The Organising Committee bears the responsibility for safety on the range used, and must know the principles of range safety and apply them.
- 2.1.4. Safety requires continued and careful attention to pistol handling and caution in moving about the range. Self-discipline is necessary. Where self-discipline is lacking, it is the duty of Range Officials to enforce discipline and the duty of shooters and Team Officials to assist such enforcement.
- 2.1.5. In the interests of safety, a Jury Member or a Range Officer may stop shooting at any time. Shooters and Team Officials are obliged to notify Range Officers or Jury Members of any situation that may be dangerous or which may cause an accident.
- 2.1.6. No one except an Equipment Control Officer, Range Officer, Referee or Jury Member may handle a shooter’s equipment without permission.
- 2.1.7. Pistols must be handled with maximum care at all times.
- 2.1.8. Pistols may be loaded only on the firing line and then only after the appropriate command or signal is given.
- 2.1.9. After the last shot, the shooter must ascertain that there are no rounds in the chambers or magazines and have the Range Officer or Referee verify this before leaving the firing line.
- 2.1.10. When permitted by the applicable Special Technical Rules, dry firing and aiming exercises are permitted only on the firing line or in a designated area, and only with the permission of the Range Officer.
- 2.1.11. Handling pistols is not permitted when operating personnel are forward of the firing line.
- 2.1.11.1. Special provisions for PA 50 m Black Powder event (disassembled pistols for cleaning purposes) and the Rapid Fire Stage of PA 25 m Aggregate Black Powder (loading, but not capping behind the firing line) event provide for the handling of these pistols when operating

personnel are forward of the firing line. Any handling of Black Powder pistols when operating personnel are forward of the firing line within the special provisions must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the PA Black Powder events.

- 2.1.12. No shot may be fired without permission from the Range Officer.
- 2.1.13. When the command or signal to “Stop”, “Cease Fire” or “Unload” is given, all shooters must stop shooting immediately. Shooters must unload their pistols and make them safe.
 - 2.1.13.1. Special provisions for ISSF and ISCD 25m events allow a shooter to not unload on a claim for a malfunction. Any claim for a malfunction during the conduct of ISSF and ISCD 25 m events must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the events.
 - 2.1.13.2. Special provisions for PA Black Powder events allow a shooter to not unload on a claim for a malfunction or misfire. Any claim for a malfunction during the conduct of PA Black Powder events must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the events.
- 2.1.14. The Range Officer or other appropriate Range Officials are responsible for giving the commands “LOAD”, “START”, “STOP”, “CEASE FIRE”, “UNLOAD” and other necessary commands. The Range Officer must be sure that the commands are obeyed and that pistols are handled safely. A shooter who handles a pistol without the permission of the Range Officer after any appropriate “CEASE FIRE” command has been given may be disqualified.

2.2. Hearing Protection.

- 2.2.1. Shooters and other persons in the immediate vicinity of the firing line are urged to wear earplugs, earmuffs, or similar ear protection.

2.3. Eye Protection.

- 2.3.1. All personnel on a range are urged to wear shatter-proof shooting glasses or similar eye protection while shooting.
 - 2.3.1.1. Approved eye protection is mandatory for the International 1920 Match, WA1500, PA Metallic Silhouette, PA Black Powder and PA Service Pistol events.

2.4. Holster use, and PA Holster Accreditation.

- 2.4.1. The holstering of a loaded pistol, or the drawing of a loaded pistol from the holster is prohibited, excepting:
 - 2.4.1.1. Shooters who hold and present a current PA approved holster card and are competing or training in an event that requires the drawing of a loaded pistol from the holster, or
 - 2.4.1.2. When under the direction of an approved person as part of a PA Holster Accreditation Course.
- 2.4.2. Any holder of a PA Holster Accreditation Card who is disqualified for safety relating to holster use must have the PA Holster Accreditation Card removed subject to re-qualification through a PA approved course.
- 2.4.3. Special provisions for PA Service Pistol Unrestricted event and PA 25 Yards Service Pistol event allow unloaded pistols to be carried in a holster whilst under the control of the Range Officer.
- 2.4.4. Any holstering of unloaded semi-automatic pistols to reload the magazine during the conduct of PA Service Pistol Unrestricted or PA 25 Yards Service Pistol stages must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the event.
- 2.4.5. Any holstering of unloaded pistols during the conduct of PA Service Pistol Unrestricted event and PA 25 Yards Service Pistol event when operating personnel are forward of the firing line must be strictly and totally within the provision of the rules for the events.

2.5. Safe handling areas.

- 2.5.1. At PA Championships Safe handling areas must be designated. Where designated, they are to be identified by the appropriate signage.
- 2.5.2. These areas may include Equipment Control, Designated Safe Handling areas for competitors, Authorised Trade display areas, and Authorised Gunsmith areas.
- 2.5.3. Firearms may only be handled in a safe handling area when under the supervision of a competition official.

3. Eligibility

Eligibility regulations determine who is eligible to participate in sanctioned competitions or compete in different groups, classes, categories or types of competition. Shooters who meet specific eligibility requirements for groups, classes, categories or types of competition are eligible to compete in those groups, classes, categories or types of competition.

3.1. Affiliation:

- 3.1.1. To be eligible to participate in PA sanctioned individual and team competition, participating shooters must fulfil PA membership requirements.
- 3.1.2. All resident Australian participants in PA sanctioned matches must be individual members affiliated to PA.
- 3.1.3. Overseas residents must be affiliated with the appropriate National Federation recognised by PA.

3.2. Eligibility for Awards And Records

- 3.2.1. Shooters who are not Australian Residents are not eligible for championship awards at the PA National Championships, State or National Junior Olympic Championships or PA Selection matches unless there is a reciprocal arrangement with their PA recognised National Federation. Visitor awards may be provided at these competitions.

3.3. Graded Competitions.

- 3.3.1. PA National Championships are off-gun.
- 3.3.2. PA administers a shooter grade / classification system that may be used by organizing committees to permit shooters to compete for awards among others of similar abilities.
- 3.3.3. The Host Affiliate or host club may provide Graded awards. Competition programs must state whether a grade / classification system will be used.
- 3.3.4. Where graded competitions are conducted, the grades to be used will be as set by PA.
- 3.3.5. The conditions for change of grade will be as set by PA.
- 3.3.6. Use of Grade Record Card
 - 3.3.6.1. Where graded competitions are conducted, the Host Affiliate or host club must require proof of grade.

3.4. Juniors

- 3.4.1. **For PA competitions, Juniors are those shooters who are under the age of 21 at the time of the event.**

3.5. PA National Records

- 3.5.1. PA recognizes National Records for each individual and team event included in PA National Championships (1.9).
- 3.5.2. PA may recognise National Records in various categories including but not limited to Resident, non-Resident, etc.
- 3.5.3. Requirements For National Records
 - 3.5.3.1. To be recognized as a PA National Record, the score must be fired in a PA National Championships or PA Recognized competition as approved by PA Executive.**
 - 3.5.3.2. The competition must have been conducted on facilities that meet all technical requirements for distances, timing, etc. The shooter or team who fired the record score must be a current PA member/s and have used only equipment that completely fulfils all requirements for that event as per the applicable rules.**
 - 3.5.3.3. The shooter or team who fired the record score must have used only equipment that completely fulfils all requirements for that event as per the applicable rules.
 - 3.5.3.4. PA may also recognise PA National Records fired by non-residents in PA Sanctioned competitions.
 - 3.5.3.5. All team records with the exception of WA1500 event consist of three-person teams.
 - 3.5.3.5.1. Team records for WA1500 also consist of two-person teams.**
- 3.5.4. Reporting National Records
 - 3.5.4.1. When a national record is equalled or exceeded, the organizing committee must report this on a national record application form provided by PA (available on PA web site at www.pistol.org.au).
 - 3.5.4.2. The competition jury chairman must certify that the requirements for national records were fully met by each shooter who established a record score.
 - 3.5.4.3. When an organizing committee fails to report national records, shooters who fire possible records may send a National Record application to PA to have their record recognized. An official results list for the competition should be sent in with the application.
- 3.6. Recognition Of National Records**
 - 3.6.1. No national record is official until recognized by PA and a national record certificate issued.
 - 3.6.2. PA will maintain national record lists that will be available to competition organizing committees and posted on the official PA web site.
- 4. Range and Target Standards**

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular event.

 - 4.1. Ranges to be used for PA National Championships are to be inspected and checked by a delegate of the NRC.
 - 4.1.1. This delegate will report in writing to the NRC Director and to PA Management on the condition and suitability of the range and facilities for a PA Championship.
 - 4.1.2. Paper Targets
 - 4.1.2.1. Samples of paper targets (3) to be used in PA Championships must be submitted to the National Referee Council to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.

- 4.1.2.2. The quality and dimensions of paper targets must be examined again by the National Referee Council prior to the beginning of PA Championships. Only targets that are the same as the approved samples may be used.
- 4.1.2.3. Target paper must be of a non-reflecting colour and material so that the target is clearly visible under normal light conditions at the appropriate distances. The target paper must register shot-holes without excessive tearing or distortion.
- 4.1.3. Metallic Targets
 - 4.1.3.1. Metallic targets to be used in PA Championships must be inspected by the NRC Delegate to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.
 - 4.1.3.2. Timing mechanisms to be used in PA Championships must be inspected by the NRC Delegate to verify conformity with specifications, at least three months prior to the start of the Championships.
- 4.1.4. Ranges and targets will be again inspected by the competition Jury before the commencement of the competition.

4.2. Range Standards.

- 4.2.1. New outdoor ranges should be constructed in such a way that the sun is behind the shooter as much as possible.
- 4.2.2. The range may be divided into sections with suitable protective walls.
- 4.2.3. The range and range sections may be surrounded by walls, if necessary for safety reasons. Protection against accidental shots may be provided by baffle systems between the firing line and targets.
- 4.2.4. There must be sufficient space behind the firing points for the Range Officials and the Jury to perform their duties.
- 4.2.5. Space must be provided for spectators. The spectator area should be separated from the area for shooters and officials by a suitable barrier.

4.3. Shooting Distances.

- 4.3.1. Records will be valid only if the range meets the standards specified.
- 4.3.2. Shooting distances are measured from the face of the target to the firing line (that line onto which the shooter must not place any part of his foot).
(Note that for events that involve positions other than 'standing', the applicable match rules will apply)

4.4. Pistols, Equipment And Ammunition

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

- 4.4.1. Each shooter must have all pistols and equipment to be used in the competition officially examined and approved by the Equipment Control Section prior to the competition. Only pistols and equipment which have been approved for the competition concerned may be used.
- 4.4.2. The use of devices and equipment contrary to the spirit of the PA rules is forbidden.
- 4.4.3. The shooter must use the same pistol in all series throughout the event.
 - 4.4.3.1. Where the replacement of a pistol following a break or cease to function is permitted in the Specific Technical Rules for an event, those rules will apply.

5. Competition Officials

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

5.1. General.

- 5.1.1. The Range Officers and the Jury must control the competition in close co-operation with each other. The Range Officers are responsible for the actual conduct of the competition while the Jury will act in an advisory and supervisory capacity.
- 5.1.2. The Range Officers and Jury are responsible to the Organising Committee and to PA respectively, for the conduct of the competition in accordance with these rules.
- 5.1.3. All Range Officers and Members of the Jury must be familiar with the rules of PA and ensure the rules are enforced in a fair and equitable manner.

5.2. Jury

- 5.2.1. At National Competitions the Jury must consist of 3 to 7 members who must hold an NRC Referee Licence valid for the event. The NRC may give authority to other experienced persons to act as Jury Members.
- 5.2.2. Members of the Jury have the right to make individual decisions during the competition, but should confer with other Jury Members and Range Officers when any doubt exists.
- 5.2.3. All cases in dispute must be decided by a majority of the Jury. The Team Official or shooter concerned may appeal the Jury decision to the Jury of Appeal.
- 5.2.4. At National competitions, a Jury must be formed to advise, assist and supervise the competition officials appointed by the Organising Committee.
 - 5.2.4.1. Shooters and Team Officials may not be members of a Jury.
- 5.2.5. Jury Members must not advise or assist shooters beyond the scope of the PA rules at any time during the competition.
- 5.2.6. Before the beginning of the competition and during the competition, the Jury must examine the shooting ranges and check the organisational arrangements and the organisation of the operating personnel etc. to ensure that they conform to PA rules.
- 5.2.7. The Jury must supervise the examination of pistols, equipment and accessories.
- 5.2.8. The Jury has the right to examine the pistols, equipment, positions, etc. of shooters at any time, even during the competition. During the competition, approach should not be made while the shooter is firing a shot or a series of shots. Immediate action must be taken when a matter of safety is involved.
- 5.2.9. The Jury must supervise target distribution, the allocation of firing points and shooting time schedules, and the scoring procedures.
- 5.2.10. The Jury must accept any protest submitted in accordance with the PA rules. After consultation with the Range Officers and others directly concerned it will rule on the protest.
- 5.2.11. No penalty will be imposed without the approval of a Member of the Jury.
- 5.2.12. A majority of the Jury must be present on the range during a competition so that if necessary a Jury decision can be made immediately. The Chairman of the Jury must ensure the presence of sufficient members of the Jury.
- 5.2.13. The Jury must decide in all cases that are not provided for in the rules of the PA. Such decisions must be made within the spirit and intent of these rules.

5.3. Jury of Appeal.

- 5.3.1. At PA National Championships a Jury of Appeal must be appointed by the Management of PA.
- 5.3.2. It must comprise the President, Vice President of PA or their nominees, and up to two (2) other members, preferably from the Executive of the PA.
- 5.3.3. Shooters and Team Officials may not be members of the Jury of Appeal.
- 5.3.4. Its function is to make decisions on protests submitted to it.
- 5.3.5. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal are final.

5.4. Chief Range Officer.

- 5.4.1. There must be one Chief Range Officer in charge of all Range Officers and Range Personnel. He is responsible for the correct conduct of the competitions.
- 5.4.2. The Chief Range Officer must co-operate with the Jury at all times.
- 5.4.3. He must arrange after consultation with the Jury and the Organising Committee, the measures to be taken for the elimination of technical faults occurring (e.g. power failure, mechanical breakdown etc.). He must have technical experts on call and necessary material and emergency service available.
- 5.4.4. He must take charge when irregularities occur which his Range Officers are unable to resolve.
- 5.4.5. He may receive protests and pass them on to the Jury.
- 5.4.6. In co-operation with the Chief Classification Officer he must ensure that targets are scored efficiently, so that no delays occur in the publication of the results.

5.5. Range Officers.

- 5.5.1. There must be a Range Officer appointed for each section of targets. He will:
 - 5.5.1.1. Be responsible to the Chief Range Officer for the conduct of the competition in the section entrusted to him and must co-operate with the Jury Members and the Jury at all times.
 - 5.5.1.2. Be responsible for maintaining order on the range with particular attention to safety.
 - 5.5.1.3. Ensure that shooters comply with the Rules.
 - 5.5.1.4. Supervise the correct operation of the targets.
 - 5.5.1.5. Give the required commands.
 - 5.5.1.6. Call the shooters to the firing points.
 - 5.5.1.7. Check the names, start numbers and shooting positions of the shooters to ensure that they conform to the shooting schedule, range register and scoring cards.
 - 5.5.1.8. Ensure that the pistols and shooters' equipment have been examined and approved.
 - 5.5.1.9. Where targets are scored on-range, be responsible for the accurate recording of shots by the Register Keepers.
 - 5.5.1.10. Receive protests and pass them on to the Chief Range Officer or Jury.
 - 5.5.1.11. Be responsible for the recording of irregularities, disturbances and penalties, in the Range Report, range register and on the score card.

5.6. Register Keepers.

- 5.6.1. Where targets are scored on-range a Register Keeper must be appointed for each section. He will:-
- 5.6.1.1. Be responsible for the accurate recording of scores that are called or signalled to him.
- 5.6.1.2. Enter each shot on the range register and ensure that all other details are entered (name, State, start number, details of irregularities, penalties, etc.).
- 5.6.1.3. Record the value of every shot and/or series on the small scoreboard or card situated near his desk.
- 5.6.1.4. Refrain from remarks and comments regarding the score and not engage in discussions with the shooters.
(Note that for Metallic Silhouette events, each 'spotter' will normally carry out the duties of the Register Keepers)

5.7. Chief Classification Officer.

- 5.7.1. The Chief Classification Officer is in charge of the Classification Office. He is responsible to the Chief Range Officer for all activities associated with the scoring of the targets, producing the result lists, and all actions carried out in the Classification Office.
- 5.7.2. He must co-operate with the Jury at all times.

6. Pre-Match Administration

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

6.1. Competition Organizing Committees

- 6.1.1. All PA sanctioned competitions must be conducted by an organizing committee that is appointed by a PA affiliated organization.
- 6.1.2. Organizing Committees applying for PA sanction must agree to comply with PA regulations and rules. When applying to conduct a PA sanctioned competition, the organizing committee agrees to assume all liability for actions or events occurring in conjunction with the competition.
- 6.1.3. The shooters must be informed of the exact shooting time schedules and the allocated firing points no later than 1200 hours on the day preceding the competition.

6.2. Application of Rules

- 6.2.1. It is the duty of all competition officials to know the competition regulations and rules and to apply them fairly, faithfully and impartially.
- 6.2.2. Individual shooters and teams should be able to shoot under conditions that are as equal as possible.

6.3. Anti-Doping Control

- 6.3.1. Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) or PA may normally conduct testing for banned substances during the PA National Championships and PA Selection competitions. Testing for banned substances may be conducted by (ASADA) or PA at other PA sanctioned competitions at the option of PA.
- 6.3.2. Drug Testing Procedures
- 6.3.2.1. Testing procedures will follow procedures and requirements established by (ASADA)

- 6.3.3. Banned Substances
 - 6.3.3.1. All drugs on the current IOC and ISSF prohibited substances lists are banned, and positive tests for any drugs on these lists are grounds for penalties.
- 6.3.4. Shooter Responsibility
 - 6.3.4.1. All shooters subject to drug testing are responsible for assuring that any drugs or medications they take do not contain banned substances. Shooters or their physicians wanting assistance in checking medications may contact (ASADA). Shooters are strongly urged to use (ASADA) or other available assistance in checking medications before taking them; but regardless of any advice given by medical professionals, the shooter is responsible for any banned substances detected during drug testing. Failure to comply with testing or to appear for a drug test can result in the same penalty as a positive drug test.
- 6.3.5. Shooters to Be Tested
 - 6.3.6. PA and/or (ASADA) will determine the number of tests to be conducted and the method of selecting shooters to be tested.
- 6.3.7. Penalties
 - 6.3.7.1. Shooters testing positive may be suspended from participating in PA sanctioned competitions or ISSF and AOC events for periods to be determined by PA, AISL, ASADA or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

6.4. Practice Shooting.

- 6.4.1. Depending on local conditions, opportunity for practice must be provided for as many days as possible but not less than one day prior to the competition.
- 6.4.2. The Range Officer must ensure that during these practice periods all shooters have equal opportunity.
- 6.4.3. Shooters may practise at all distances.

6.5. The Conduct Of Shooters And Team Officials

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

- 6.5.1. All shooters and Team Officials must be acquainted with the PA Rules and the Competition Programme, and must ensure that they are followed.
- 6.5.2. The shooter must present himself at the appointed time and at the designated firing point with the necessary and approved equipment.
 - 6.5.2.1. The rules for individual events may specify the reporting time.
- 6.5.3. Loud or disturbing noise or talk is not permitted near the firing line. Range Officials, Jury Members, Team Officials and shooters must limit their conversation to official business when near the shooters. The Range Officer must ensure that the noise of the spectators is kept at a minimum level.

(Note:- Whilst the actual shooting is in progress, noise levels should be controlled, but spectator enthusiasm during or at the conclusion of a close shoot off for example, may well be encouraged).
- 6.5.4. Each team must have a Team Leader who is responsible for maintaining discipline within that team. A shooter may be appointed as a Team Leader. The Team Leader must co-operate with Range Officials at all times in the interest of safety, efficient operation of the competition and good sportsmanship. A Team Leader is responsible for all official affairs concerning a team. The Team Leader has the responsibility to:

- 6.5.4.1. complete the necessary entries with accurate information and submit them to the appropriate officials within the designated time limit.
- 6.5.4.2. be familiar with the programme.
- 6.5.4.3. have team members report, ready to shoot at the designated firing point, at the correct time, with approved equipment.
- 6.5.4.4. check scores and submit protests.
- 6.5.4.5. check preliminary and official bulletins, scores and announcements, receive official information and requests, and pass them to team members.
- 6.5.4.6. receive official information and requests, and pass them to team members.

7. Protests and Appeals.

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

7.1. Verbal Protests.

- 7.1.1. Any shooter or Team Official has the right to protest a condition of the competition, decision or action immediately and verbally to a Competition Official, Referee, Range Officer or Jury Member. Such protests may be submitted on the following matters:
 - 7.1.1.1. A shooter or Team Official considers that the PA Regulations, PA Rules or competition programme were not followed in conducting the competition.
 - 7.1.1.2. A shooter or Team Official does not agree with a decision or action by a Competition Official, Referee, Range Officer or Jury Member.
 - 7.1.1.3. A shooter was impeded or disturbed by a person or for any cause.
 - 7.1.1.4. A shooter had a long interruption in shooting.
 - 7.1.1.5. A shooter had irregularities regarding shooting times, including shooting times that were too short or the non-appearance of targets within the specified time.
- 7.1.2. Competition Officials, Referees, Range Officers and Jury Members must consider verbal protests immediately. They may take immediate action to correct the situation or refer the protest to the full Jury for decision. In such cases, a Range Officer or Jury Member may stop the shooting temporarily if necessary.

7.2. Written Protests.

- 7.2.1. A shooter or Team Official who does not agree with the action or decision taken on a verbal protest may protest in writing to the Jury. A shooter or Team Official has the right to submit a written protest without making a verbal protest. Written protests must be submitted not later than 30 minutes after the matter in question occurs and must be accompanied by a fee of AUS \$10. The protest fee must be returned if the protest is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the protest is lost.
- 7.2.2. The Organising Committee must supply printed forms for use in submitting written protests.
- 7.2.3. Written protests must be decided by at least three (3) Jury members.
- 7.2.4. A copy of the written protest, and of the Jury decision must be forwarded to the NRC Secretary.

7.3. Scoring Protests.

- 7.3.1. A shooter or Team Official who considers that a shot was scored or recorded incorrectly may protest that score, except that decisions made regarding the value of shots by using gauges

are final and cannot be protested. Scoring protests may only be made on scores which have been decided without using a gauge or when incorrect entries in the result list or scoreboard have been made.

7.3.2. All scoring protests must be submitted within the Protest Time for the event. The time when the scoring protest time ends must be posted on the main scoreboard.

7.3.3. A fee of AUS \$2.00 per individual result must be paid to the Jury when a scoring protest is submitted. This fee must be returned if the protest is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the protest is lost.

7.4. Appeals.

7.4.1. In the event of a disagreement with a Jury decision, the matter may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. Such appeals must be submitted in writing by the Team Leader or a representative not later than 30 minutes after the Jury decision has been announced and must be accompanied by a AUS \$10 fee. The fee, together with the original protest fee for the matter in question must be returned if the appeal is upheld and will be retained by the Organising Committee if the appeal is lost.

7.4.2. In special circumstances, the time for submitting appeals may be extended up to 24 hours by decision of the Jury of Appeal. Such decision can postpone the victory ceremony for the event under appeal.

7.4.3. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

7.4.4. A copy of the written appeal, and of the Jury of Appeal decision must be forwarded to the NRC Secretary.

8. Results

8.1. Results must include:

- Competition Name
- Competition Dates:
- Match Name
- Match Date:
- Rank:
- Name:
- State (or Club, for Affiliate competitions):
- Stage Subtotals:
- Total:
- Comments:
- Legend:
- Authorisation

8.1.1. **For PA National Championships, a copy of the results must be made available for each competitor, and for each PA Affiliate.**

8.1.2. **These results may be either hard-copy, or electronic (CD)**

8.1.3. **At the completions of each day's competition an electronic copy of the results must be forwarded to the PA Office.**

8.1.4. **An electronic (digital) copy of the results must be forwarded to the PA Office within 24 hours of the completion of the competition**

9. Media Relations.

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

- 9.1. Suitable facilities, assistance and co-operation must be provided for the press, radio, and television personnel, to ensure publicity. During competitions, however, the shooters must not be disturbed by photography or interviews.
- 9.1.1. The Classification Office must publish as soon as possible, the correct final results lists. They must contain the family name, first name, start-number and the State or Territory of each shooter. These results must be made available to the news media.
- 9.1.2. All shooters must wear identification or start numbers on their backs during both competition and training.
- (Note: an exception is granted to shooters using the 'Creedmoor' position during Metallic Silhouette competitions. In these circumstances, the start number must be clearly displayed in the shooters bay.)*
- 9.1.3. Progressive, preliminary, and final scores must be displayed on large scoreboards, to keep the shooters, spectators and the news media informed at all times. These scoreboards must be located near the competition ranges, but at a suitable distance to avoid disturbing the shooters.
- 9.1.4. For events with Shoot-offs and/or ISSF Finals, where possible the progressive scores and placings for Finals will also be available as an electronic display for spectators.

10. PA General Technical Regulations

10.1. General

- 10.1.1. These Rules are part of the PA General Regulations and apply to all pistol events.
- 10.1.2. PA General Technical Regulations are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.

10.2. ISSF Pistol Events

- 10.2.1. ISSF Pistol rules apply with the following exceptions:
- 10.2.2. Separate ISCD Pistol events may be programmed in conjunction with any ISSF events.
- 10.2.2.1. At the option of the Organising Committee, ISCD shooters may shoot in the ISSF equivalent event/s at competitions up to, but not including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by ISCD shooters in these competitions will not apply for international selection criteria except as permitted by the AISL.**
- 10.2.3. 50 m Pistol Mens (Australian Conditions) where Electronic Targets, Automatic Targets, or Pit Marking is not available:
- 10.2.3.1. The event is divided into six (6) series each of ten (10) competition shots,
- 10.2.3.2. The event time of two (2) hours is divided into the first series of 30 minutes, and five subsequent series each of 18 minutes.**
- 10.2.3.3. Sighting shots (unlimited in number) may be fired only before the beginning of each series. Once the first competition shot has been fired in a series, no further sighting shots are allowed unless permitted by the Jury in accordance with these Rules. Any further sighting shot(s) fired in contravention of this rule must be scored as miss(es) in the competition.
- 10.2.3.4. Women may shoot in the 50m Pistol event and Final at competitions up to and including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by women in this event will not apply for international selection criteria unless permitted by the AISL.
- 10.2.4. 10m Air Pistol Junior 40 shots:

- 10.2.4.1. At the option of the Organising Committee, Junior Men and Junior Women shooters may shoot in 40-shot events at competitions up to, but not including the PA National Championships
- 10.2.5. 25 m Standard Pistol:
 - 10.2.5.1. Women may shoot in the 25m Standard Pistol event at competitions up to and including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by women in this event will not apply for international selection criteria unless permitted by the AISL.
- 10.2.6. 25 m 'Sport' Pistol:
 - 10.2.6.1. At the option of the Organising Committee, Men may shoot in the 25m 'Sport' Pistol event at competitions up to, but not including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by men in this event will not apply for international selection criteria unless permitted by the AISL.
 - 10.2.6.2. vacant
 - 10.2.6.3. At the option of the Organising Committee, ISCD shooters may shoot in the 25m 'Sport' Pistol event at competitions up to, but not including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by ISCD shooters in this event will not apply for international selection criteria except as permitted by the AISL.
- 10.2.7. 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol:
 - 10.2.7.1. Sampling of ammunition is by the procedure authorised by the NRC.
 - 10.2.7.2. Chronographs approved by the NRC are to be used for the determination of bullet velocity.
 - 10.2.7.3. Scales approved by the NRC are to be used for the determination of bullet weight.
 - 10.2.7.4. Women may shoot in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol event and Final at competitions up to and including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by women in this event will not apply for international selection criteria unless permitted by the AISL.
- 10.2.8. Scoring procedures – ISSF Finals:
 - 10.2.8.1. Where Electronic Targets or Electronic Target Reading machines are not available, the scoring of Finals competitions is by the use of NRC approved overlay gauges.
 - 10.2.8.2. Women may shoot in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol event and Final at competitions up to and including the PA National Championships. Scores achieved by women in this event will not apply for international selection criteria unless permitted by the AISL.
- 10.3. International 1920 Match**
 - 10.3.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the NRA of America Action Pistol rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.
 - 10.3.2. Competition procedures for International 1920 Match are as per the NRA of America Action Pistol Rules.
- 10.4. WA1500**
 - 10.4.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the WA1500 rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.
 - 10.4.2. Competition procedures for WA1500 events are as per the WA1500 Rules.
- 10.5. PA Service Pistol. Service Pistol Unrestricted, and 25 Yards Service Pistol events**
Refer to the PA Special Technical Rules for these events

10.6. PA Black Powder events

Refer to the PA Special Technical Rules for these events

- 10.6.1. The PA Special Technical Rules for Black Powder only provide the general format for 'international' 13-shot events. PA Affiliates may specify the categories of Black Powder pistols to be used at competitions within their Affiliate.

10.7. PA Metallic Silhouette events

- 10.7.1. Organisational and administrative matters in the IMSSU rules are subordinate to the PA Constitution and PA General Regulations.
- 10.7.2. Competition procedures for IMSSU events are as per the IMSSU Rules.

10.8. Malfunctions

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

10.9. Penalties for Rule Violations.

- 10.9.1. Infringements should normally be graded by the Jury, as follows:
- 10.9.2. In the case of general as distinct from specific violations or infringements of the Rules (pistols, clothing, position, etc.) a warning must first be given so that the shooter may have the opportunity to correct the fault.
- 10.9.2.1. Whenever possible, the warning should be given during the practice shooting or training stages. During the competition if the shooter does not correct the fault, (having been warned) two points must be deducted from his score. If the shooter still does not correct the fault, disqualification may be imposed. (Note. Specific penalties require no warning).
- 10.9.3. A warning to the shooter must be expressed in terms that will leave no doubt that it is an official warning. However, it is not necessary to precede other penalties with a warning.
- 10.9.4. In the case of concealed violations of the Rules, when the fault is deliberately concealed, immediate disqualification must be imposed.
- 10.9.5. In cases of violations of the Rules or instructions of Range Officers or the Jury, penalties may be imposed on the shooter by a Jury Member or the Jury:

10.10. Equipment Control

Refer also to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

- 10.10.1. Prior to the competition each pistol and other equipment must be examined by the Equipment Control Section to ensure that it conforms to PA Rules. The shooter is responsible for presenting any pistols and equipment, including any questionable equipment and/or accessories, for official inspection and approval.
- 10.10.2. The Equipment Control Section will be assisted and supervised by the Jury.
- 10.10.3. The Organising Committee must inform Team Officials and shooters where and when they may have their equipment inspected in sufficient time prior to the competition.
- 10.10.4. The Organising Committee must provide a complete set of gauges and instruments for equipment control before and during PA Championships.
- 10.10.5. The Equipment Control Section must register the name of the shooter, the make (manufacturer), serial number, and calibre of each pistol approved.
- 10.10.5.1. All approved equipment must be marked and the approval must also be indicated on a control card.

- 10.10.6. After equipment has been approved, it must not be altered at any time prior to or during the competition in any way that would conflict with the PA Rules.
- 10.10.7. If there are any doubts regarding an alteration, the equipment must be returned to Equipment Control for re-inspection and approval.
- 10.10.8. The approval of the equipment is valid only for the competition for which the inspection is made.

11. Scoring Procedure

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

12. Shooting Procedures and Competition Rules

Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.

12.1. ISSF Pistol Events

- 12.1.1. Scoring equipment approved by the NRC are to be used for the scoring of paper targets.

12.2. International 1920 Match

- 12.2.1. Overlays approved by the NRC are to be used for the scoring of paper targets.

12.3. WA1500

- 12.3.1. Overlays approved by the NRC are to be used for the scoring of targets.

12.4. PA Service Pistol, Service Pistol Unrestricted, and 25 Yards Service Pistol events

- 12.4.1. For PA Service Pistol, Service Pistol and 25 Yards Service Pistol events the scoring of doubtful bullet holes, plug gauges of the following dimensions will be used:-
 - 12.4.1.1. For calibres 7.62 mm to 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 9.65 mm(+ 0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm
- 12.4.2. Overlays approved by the NRC may be used for the scoring of paper targets.

12.5. PA Black Powder events

- 12.5.1. For PA Black Powder 25 m (Aggregate) and 50 m events the scoring of doubtful bullet holes, plug gauges of the following dimensions will be used:-
 - 12.5.1.1. For calibre 4.5 mm (.177") and 5.6 mm (.22"), inward scoring gauges as per the ISSF Regulations.
- 12.5.2. For calibres 7.62 mm to 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 9.65 mm(+ 0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm
- 12.5.3. For calibres larger than 9.65 mm a gauge with a Flange diameter 11.43 mm (+0.05 mm, - 0.00). Spindle diameter as appropriate. Spindle length 10-15 mm.

12.6. Classification Office.

- 12.6.1. The Organising Committee must establish an office for preparing paper targets before the competitions and for recording and producing result lists after the competitions. The office must be under the supervision of the Chief Classification Officer and the necessary assistants.
- 12.6.2. The Jury must supervise all work done in the Classification Office. The Final Result List must be signed by the Chairman of the Jury or his delegate to confirm its accuracy.

- 12.6.3. Each official must certify his work by initialling the scorecard and results list.
- 12.6.4. The Jury must examine the 10 best individual and the 3 best team results prior to the final publication of the results list.
- 12.6.5. The Chairman of the Jury must certify a complete copy of the results to be forwarded to PA.
- 12.7. Value of Shots.**
Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.
- 12.8. Gauges and Overlays.**
- 12.8.1. All gauges and instruments that are used at PA Championships must be examined and approved by the Jury prior to the competition.
- 12.9. Tie Breaking**
Refer to the Special Technical Rules for the particular Match.
(Note: For International 1920 Match, and the WA1500 matches the tie breaking procedure may be subject to PA supplementary regulations).
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